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What Do You Remember About?

by **IRVING A. WIEN**

1. *Fertility in the male?*
2. *Plantar warts?*
3. *Prosthesis after hip disarticulation?*

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Editorially Speaking

A letter recently appeared in the Public Mind section of the Star repeating an indictment against T.V. According to this letter, most of today's juvenile delinquency and sadism result from the horror programs channelled into most homes from local stations and by national systems.

To make such a statement is to imply the assumption that sadism is a new development and that up until now adolescents have always been little angels, never deviating from upright behavior until this electronic monster invaded the living room bent on teaching this generation of youngsters the ways of Lucifer, something which their elders knew nothing about.

In my lifetime comic books, the radio and the dime novels have all been so indicted and with equal lack of validity. To make such a statement is to ignore history, especially the history of our own area in the last 100 years. Long before we had T.V., comic books, radio or dime novels we had John Brown, Quantrel and Bloody Kansas. If there was any group of men more skilled in terror, torture and murder than the Border fighters of the 1850's, history has failed to mention them.

Just because they were fighting for a "cause" cannot excuse them for their acts. These men were not taught by book or picture. They just called on the inherent attributes of hate and sadism which is buried in all of us and which can come to the surface at any time unless held in check by a firm hand and a strong will. As time went on their acts became more and more senseless and more and more terrible. Individuals became monsters and groups became more savage than the "savage" Indians who rode the plains a few miles to the West. And all without any tutoring except from their fellow men and their opponents.

As the war ended and people moved west, the great day of the juvenile delinquent was born. Billy the Kid, Wes Hardin, Johnny Ringo and countless others moved with the pioneers, filling boothills and the prairies with the graves of thousands killed just for the fun of killing. It is true that these stories now told on T.V. are garbled, twisted and seldom historically accurate. But they also were told in the dime novels which were well illustrated with some really imaginative, pretty realistic pictures.

Perhaps the young sadist of today might learn a new trick or two from his T.V. set. But if there were no T.V. there would be other sources of information such as certain books on history in the Public Libraries.

Even without them there would be experiments a la Leopold and Loeb, or examples to be followed as on the Border or in any big city anywhere in the world today, tomorrow and yesterday.

Delinquents and sadists come from homes of the rich, the middle class and the poverty stricken. They develop because of some fault of the parents or some environmental influence. They are made, not born. They are made by their parents, not by books, T.V. or other boys and girls. We in this country have delegated our authority and responsibility to others. We are reaping the whirlwind.

But it is not as bad as it sounds, or as the cryers of alarm would have us believe. Juvenile misbehaviour has been with us since the day that Cain slew Abel and will be with us until the end of time. Just as Cain's parents were responsible for his act, so it will be today and tomorrow.

G. Wilse Robinson, Jr.

In The Mail

Dear Bill:

May I thank you, and will you extend my thanks to the Society, for the wonderful record, **Music Man.** You know my weakness is music, and this particular record is delightful.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Gratefully
A. N. Altringer

American Trudeau Society Meeting

A symposium on smoking and lung cancer and another on pulmonary emphysema will be among the highlights of the 54th Annual Meeting of the American Trudeau Society, medical section of the National Tuberculosis Association, which will be held in Chicago, Ill., May 25-28. The ATS will meet in conjunction with the NTA. All sessions will be at the Palmer House, where scientific and public health exhibits will also be displayed.

The ATS is planning three full days of scientific sessions May 25, 26, 27, and will meet with the NTA in general sessions the final day, May 28. Advantage is being taken of the fact that a number of medical schools are located in Chicago and arrangements are being made for several demonstrations and case presentations at these institutions.

In addition to the symposia, there will also be panels and lectures and daily morning and afternoon sessions when scientific papers will be presented on recent clinical and laboratory research in tuberculosis and other respiratory diseases. The deadline for the submission of abstracts of papers for these sessions is January 7, 1959. The abstracts should be sent to H. William Harris, M.D., chairman, Medical Sessions Committee, care of the American Trudeau Society, 1790 Broadway, New York 19, N. Y.

Happy Birthday

Dec. 29	Richard F. Schneider
Dec. 30	William Y. Eubank
	Otto J. Printz
	Alexander Shifrin
Dec. 31	Victor B. Buhler
	Harold Passman
	H. Eugene Smith
	Edward J. Twin
Jan. 1	Eugene J. Bribach
	Jefferson D. Kernodle
	Kenneth A. Mangels
	Henry Snyderman
Jan. 2	Frank L. Feierabend
	William A. Slentz
	Morris Statland
	Charles S. Stotts
	Anderson J. Williams, Jr.

Foreign Medical Graduates' Exam Results Announced

Statistics reveal that of the 844 foreign-trained physicians taking the examination, 418 passed and will receive the ECFMG Certificate. According to the council, these physicians are certified as possessing medical knowledge reasonably equivalent to that expected of graduates of approved American and Canadian medical schools and as having satisfactory facility in the English language.

The examination results also indicate that 226 candidates came sufficiently close to passing, in spite of language difficulties, to earn temporary certificates which will qualify them to study not more than two years as interns or residents in U.S. hospitals approved for internship or residency training.

E. H. Trowbridge, Sr., has returned from Florida, and is convalescing from a major operation at Trinity Lutheran Hospital.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Rial R. Oglevie** upon the death of his wife, Geraldine, December 12.

Little Known Medical History

Charles C. Dennie

Dr. Arthur Hertzler took his pathological training under the great Virchow in the 19th century. He suddenly made the decision to study in Germany. He was then located at Halstead, Kansas.

Following the day he made his decision he saw 72 patients. He told the sisters that he was going to study under the great Virchow. They promised to build him a hospital which would be ready when he returned. A new hospital was the first thing he saw when he returned to resume his practice.

Dr. Hertzler became a favorite of the great Virchow, not only because of his interest in Pathology, but because of his interest in Anatomy. He had already found some extra ligaments in the hip joints in human beings which Virchow knew about.

One morning when Dr. Hertzler arrived at his tiny laboratory which the great Virchow had given him, it was almost filled with the carcass of a lion. Virchow heard that the lion had died at the zoo and he had its carcass sent up to Dr. Hertzler's laboratory. Dr. Hertzler dissected the lion's hip joints, but he did not find any extra ligaments.

Medical Schools Have Record Enrollment

American medical colleges had a record enrollment of 29,473 students in 1957-58.

Sixty of the 85 operating medical schools reported major construction, costing 47 million dollars, in the planning, beginning, or completion stages.

Ellsworth H. Trowbridge, Jr., Harold V. Zuber and **William H. Duncan** were guest speakers at the Kansas City Bar Association seminar and banquet held December 4.

Medical Public Relations

Bad public relations may be emitting from your office without your knowledge. Malcome Epley, a newspaper columnist for the Long Beach Press-Telegram, related this experience.

He telephone a doctor friend and asked if he could speak to Dr. Jones. A rather cold and blunt feminine voice answered, "Who's calling?"

"Epley, of the Press-Telegram," he answered.

"The doctor's not in," she said quickly.

To Mr. Epley this sounded very much like the doctor was in, but was not in to him. The receptionist offered no explanation or advice and did not even offer to take his number. Doctors should take time to explain some of these common courtesies to all office personnel.

Lawsuits Against Doctors

Medical malpractice litigation has come of age and is now big business. R. Crawford Morris, Cleveland attorney, suggests that physicians need to "be as careful with your tongue as you are with your scalpel". These rules were offered to help doctors prevent liability suits:

1. Do not be negligent. If you feel the case is beyond your experience, do not hesitate to call for a consultation and make a written record of the consultant's opinion.
2. Keep up with the advance of medicine.
3. Watch the time factor. In most states the patient has one year within which to sue you for malpractice, whereas you have six years within which to sue him for your bill.
4. Never guarantee a cure unless you mean to be held to it.
5. Get the patient's consent for everything you do, preferably in writing.
6. Good housekeeping. Keep good records, full and adequate.
7. Do not use experimental drugs unless you have the patient's permission in writing.

Medical Minutes

Each Medical Minute Contribution is written for all doctors rather than for any group specialty.

PEDIATRICS—
SANFORD F. COCKERELL

Recent survey revealed following substances to be most common causes of accidental poisoning in children: (1) salicylates (2) sedatives (3) bleach and lye (4) petroleum derivatives (5) pesticides. Christian, et al. Ill. Med. J., April '58.

PROCTOLOGY—
CLIFFORD C. WILSON

Patients having colostomy go through period of depression lasting about six months. Need sympathetic reassurance. Breidenbach, et al. Am. J. Surg., Oct. '58.

GASTROENTEROLOGY—
PAUL MOSS

Sometimes diabetes is result, rather than cause, of liver disease and disappears when hepatic reserve is improved. Leevy. J. M. Soc. New Jersey, 55:151, '58.

ALLERGY—
HERBERT J. RINKEL

Rackemann concludes that exciting cause of asthma is not basic cause of disease. Basic differences between asthmatic patient and normal person depends upon disturbances of mechanisms of immunity. Rackemann, et al. J. of A., Nov. '58.

RADIOLOGY—
HAROLD F. DAUM

In two recent investigations, almost half as many cases of sarcoidosis as tuberculosis. 95% had positive radiographic chest findings. Israel. AMA Arch. Int. Med., Nov., '58.

ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY—
HERBERT A. HAMEL

Analysis of 100 cases of reflex sympathetic dystrophy treated by sympathetic blocks. Author believes treatment enhances physical therapy and saves time in patient rehabilitation. Brennan. J. A. M. A., Oct., '58.

DERMATOLOGY—
FRANK X. DWYER

Local injections of hydrocortisone acetate by Vibra-puncture technique painless, simple, rapid and effective in lichen simplex chronicus (circumscribed neurodermatitis). Aaron, et al. Arch. Derm., May, '58.

HEMATOLOGY—
ROBERT K. SKILLMAN

Thrombocytopenic patient should receive platelet rich transfusions only when really indicated for platelet antibodies are readily developed and limit the usefulness of such transfusions. Conley. Blood, Nov., '58.

DISEASES OF THE CHEST—
WILLIAM L. MUNDY

No patient with active tuberculosis had pulmonary hypertrophic osteoarthropathy. Skorneck and Ginsburg. New Eng. J. Med., May 29, '58.

OTO-RHINO-LARYNGOLOGY—
PAT A. BARELLI

One out of four job applicants in iudustry has hearing loss due to illness, old age, heredity and loud noise. Insist on pre-employment and periodic hearing tests. Hearing Progress. Autumn, '58.

INDUSTRIAL HEALTH—
HAROLD Y. ALLEN

Not enough to make diagnosis of industrial dermatitis, attempt should be made to determine why this man, not his work mates, has been effected. Hellier. Practitioner, Eng. Pub., Aug., '58.

OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY—
MARION W. RICHARDSON

Metabolic pathway cholesterol—testosterone—estrone is one of routes of estrogen biosynthesis in human pregnancy. Davis. Am. J. Obst. & Gyn., Nov., '58.

ORAL SURGERY AND DENTISTRY—
DONALD W. MARTIN, D.D.S.

In course of contact with patient, dentist must be able to gain full acceptance of limitations of services and need for future Rx and maintenance. Tulkin. J.A.D.A., July, '57.

CLINICAL PATHOLOGY—
JOHN E. JOHNSON

Protein analysis of pleural fluid in differential diagonsis of transudates of heart failure versus exudates in cancer and tuberculosis. Carr & Power. New Eng. J. Med., Nov. 6, '58.

ANESTHESIOLOGY—
JOHN E. KYGER

Technique for Cesarean section utilizing pentothal, succinylchlorin, and nitrous oxide described. No fetal depression. Dance. Anesth. & Analg., Sept., '58.

OPHTHALMOLOGY—
CALVIN J. CURTS

Treatment of retinoblastoma with radon seeds constitutes direct attach on tumor(s); multiple tumors can be treated at the one operation. Joyce. A.J.O., Nov., '58.

CARDIOLOGY—
LAWRENCE F. STEFFEN

A specific renal lesion characterized by hydropic tubular change is observed occasionally in wide variety of conditions which have chronic potassium deficiency. Goldberger. Am. J. Card., Sept., '58.

Blue Shield — What Have We Proved?

The earliest statewide pre-payment plans for medical care were started just twenty years ago, and this seems like an appropriate time for us physicians to tote up our achievements in creating and sponsoring the mechanism we call Blue Shield.

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Through Blue Shield, we have shown that patients and doctors don't need any outside agency to bring them together, and that no one but the patient himself needs to profit from prepaying his medical care costs.

Through Blue Shield, it is fair to say that we doctors have given our fellow countrymen perhaps the most convincing demonstration of the past twenty years that, working together voluntarily, we can solve even our most urgent and complex social problems within the framework of our private enterprise system in the U.S.A.

The International Medical Assembly of Southwest Texas will hold its annual meeting January 26, 27, 28, 1959 in San Antonio, Texas, at the Gunter Hotel. Dr. L. Bonham Jones, President; Mr. S. E. Cockrell, Jr., Executive Secretary, 202 W. French Pl., San Antonio, Texas.

Students, Interns and Residents to Enter SAMA Exhibit

Medical students, interns and residents may participate in the second annual national Scientific Exhibit Assembly of the Student American Medical Association to be held in Chicago next April.

Arrangements have been made for more space to hold a total of 40 scientific exhibits, the best work presented in this medium of professional communication by the country's outstanding students, interns and residents. Of these, 20 will be by students and 20 by interns and residents.

Cash prizes and plaques will be given, with $500, $250 and $100 for award-winning exhibits by students; and $500, $250 and $100 for those by interns and residents. Lakeside Laboratories supports the awards and the trips to the AMA.

Applications must be obtained from SAMA (address Mr. Russell Staudacher, Executive Secretary, Student American Medical Association, 430 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago 11) and returned no later than February 1, 1959. On February 14, the 40 chosen exhibitors will be announced.

Public Relations Tip

One of the nicest ways we know to make people feel important and appreciated (and that, after all, is public relations at its best) is to thank them for their efforts. After a heavy snowfall in New York state last winter, someone in the Schoharie County Medical Society remembered that medical service would have come to a standstill if highways hadn't been kept open. So the society sent thank you notes to the county superintendent, town highway superintendents and employees, and the many volunteers who made it possible for doctors to visit their patients.

How many people in your community are due a word of gratitude from the county medical society?

Health Statistics

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

STATISTICAL REPORT

WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 13, 1958

Area, 111.7 square miles. White population 463,000, Colored 65,000. All data and calculations are based on this the 50th week of the calendar year.

	1958	1957	First 49 Weeks 1958 First 50	1957
DEATHS—				
Total	147	135	5,949	5,362
Under One Year	8	5	455	396
Non-Resident	23	27	1,129	1,280
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	0	48	46
Within City Limits	0	0	36	29
BIRTHS—Total	163	609	15,567	16,958
MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY—				
Chicken Pox Cases	5	21	363	218
Scarlet Fever Cases	4	5	131	228
Deaths	0	0	0	1
Epidemic Meningitis Cases	0	1	9	11
Deaths	0	0	4	2
Poliomyelitis Cases	1	0	7	9
Deaths	0	0	1	0
Measles Cases	1	3	631	86
Mumps Cases	5	9	312	437
Whooping Cough Cases	4	1	131	21
Syphilis Serology Survey Cases	5	7	1,655	894
Deaths	0	0	6	7
Gonorrhea & Contacts Cases	31	17	1,207	887
Tuberculosis Cases	11	10	256	242
Deaths	1	3	40	50
Rheumatic Fever Cases	0	0	12	16
Deaths	0	0	3	0
Infectious Hepatitis Cases	1	1	81	14
Deaths	0	0	4	5

Increase Asked for State Health Budget

Dr. H. M. Hardwicke, acting state health director, submitted the biennial budget which includes a very substantial increase in order to raise the state's health standards. Dr. Hardwicke stated that under the present budget the health department is able to discharge only 35½ per cent of its obligations based on the programs it administers. Many new positions should be added to enable the department to operate efficiently.

In Missouri there are 84 streams that should be inspected for contamination at a rate of 10 per year—last year three were inspected. There are 332 sewage disposal plants which should be checked twice annually—last year there were 160 inspections. Of 21,140 food outlets, 2,943 were checked. Fifty per cent of restaurants do not undergo a state inspection.

There are two premature centers in the state which have saved hundreds of premature babies—six are needed. Proper immunization programs should be instituted in every community.

The most logical directives on the law books won't advance health standards if—through lack of funds and personnel—they can not be carried out.

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National Foundation Health Scholarships

The National Foundation, in an unprecedented effort to help overcome the critical shortages of personnel in the health field, has announced a multimillion dollar scholarship program designed to assist students of medicine, nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and medical social work. This will be a first step in its new expanded program.

Basil O'Connor, president, summarized the new program as follows: The National Foundation will offer annual Health Scholarships to help provide four years of college or university education in career preparation for five of the key professions: medicine, medical social work, nursing, physical therapy and occupational therapy.

The AMA News

The newspaper of American medicine—the AMA News—is now reaching the desk of every physician in the United States, whether he is a member of his local medical society or not. In terse, journalistic style and prepared by professional newspapermen the new publication should provide a much-needed contact between medicine at national level and medicine at the real-grass-roots . . . the individual private practitioner.

Many of the items in the AMA News were formerly published in the Journal of the American Medical Association in the organizational section and in tiny 8 pt. type. They were most important items but they were unfortunately buried away in the mass of other material in this largest of all medical publications. Put into readable, concise reports as news they will give many a physician a better perspective on what is happening in medicine outside of the purely clinical field.

We commend the AMA News to all physicians. To any doctor who sometimes asks, "What is the A.M.A. doing?" . . . here is the answer.

Physicians Told They Must Take Lead in Solving Social, Economic Problems

A forum on "The Doctor and His Practice" co-sponsored by the Erie (N.Y.) County Medical Society and the Wm. S. Merrell Company, November 6, 1958, brought forth several suggestions from a panel of experts.

The experts' prescription: Doctors can no longer rely solely on cultivating clinical skills. They must take the responsibility for improving their relationship and developing medical services that answer the changing needs of American society.

The experts' warning: Their professional future dictates that doctors find the time now to educate themselves on their individual and social responsibilities, lest they abdicate medical leadership entirely tomorrow.

The experts' prediction. American physicans have the wisdom and resources to meet the challenge of these new social and economic problems in medicine.

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Limited engagement ends Sun., Jan. 4. Russell Stover Auditorium in the Conservatory of Music —45th St. just east of Main. Phone VI 2-6580 for reservations from $1.55 to $3.95. Eve. perfs. except Dec. 31 at 8:30. Jan. 1, 3 & 4 matinees. Choice seat locations available at Plaza Assn. Office or Peck's 5th Floor.

Medical Week In Greater Kansas City

Sunday DECEMBER 28	NO MEETINGS SCHEDULED
Monday 29	12:00 noon Surgical Grand Rounds — Bethany Hospital. 4:00 p. m. Basic Science Course — Menorah Medical Center.
Tuesday 30	8:00 a. m. Surgical Grand Rounds — V. A. Hospital. 8:30 a. m. Medical Grand Rounds — General Hospital. 8:00 a. m. Clinical Pathological Conference — Trinity Lutheran Hospital. 9:30 a. m. Psychiatric Case Conference — V. A. Hospital. 11:00 a. m. Tumor and Cancer Clinic — General Hospital. 11:00 a. m. Joint Conference Committee Meeting — Research Hospital. 12:00 noon X-Ray Conference — St. Margaret's Hospital. 12:00 noon Medical Grand Rounds — Bethany Hospital. 12:30 p. m. X-Ray Conference — Mercy Hospital. 2:00 p. m. Clinical Pathological Conference — V. A. Hospital. 3:00 p. m. Hart Memorial Lecture — Mercy Hospital.
Wednesday 31	8:00 a. m. Medical Sectional Meeting — St. Margaret's Hospital. 11:00 a. m. Psych. Conference — Mercy Hospital. 11:00 a. m. Central Review — Bethany Hospital. 12:00 noon Clinical Pathological Conference — Bethany Hospital. 12:00 noon Ob-Gyn Dept. Meeting — Queen of the World Hospital. 1:00 p. m. Anesthesia Conference — St. Margaret's Hospital. 2:00 p. m. Medical Conference — V. A. Hospital. 7:00 p. m. Kansas City Anatomical Society — General Hospital, Anatomical Amphitheatre.
Thursday JANUARY 1	**Happy New Year**
Friday 2	7:30 a. m. Medicine Conference — Research Hospital. 8:00 a. m. Tumor Clinic—Bethany Hospital. 8:00 a. m. Endocrine Conference — General Hospital. 8:00 a. m. General Practice Dept. Meeting — Research Hospital. 9:00 a. m. Ob-Gyn Dept. Meeting — Research Hospital. 9:45 a. m. Medical Staff Therapy Conference — Kansas City Tuberculosis Hospital. 1:30 p. m. X-Ray Conference — General Hospital. 2:30 p. m. Clinical Pathological Conference — General Hospital. 2:30 p. m. Joint Neurological-Neurosurgical Conference — V. A. Hospital. 3:00 p. m. Journal Club — Mercy Hospital. 5:00 p. m. Medical-Surgical Journal Club — Research Hospital.

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Medical Week in Greater Kansas City—Continued

Saturday 3

7:00 a. m.	Journal Club Conference — St. Margaret's Hospital.
8:00 a. m.	Grand Rounds — Research Hospital.
8:00 a. m.	General Surgery Meeting — St. Margaret's Hospital.
8:00 a. m.	Pediatric Conference — Mercy Hospital.
9:00 a. m.	Surgery Dept. Meeting — Research Hospital.
9:00 a. m.	Combined Staff Conference — Menorah Medical Center.
10:00 a. m.	Cardiography Lecture — General Hospital.
11:00 a. m.	Surgical Conference — General Hospital.

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Coming National and Regional Meetings

January 4- 7—International College of Surgeons, Southeastern Regional Meeting—Miami Beach, Fla.
January 19-21—American College of Surgeons, Sectional Meeting—Francis Marion Hotel, Charleston, S. C.
January 24-29—American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons—Palmer House, Chicago.
January 28-31—Rocky Mountain Traumatic Surgical Association—Aspen, Colo.
February 2- 4—American College of Surgeons, Sectional Meeting—Shamrock Hilton, Houston.
February 6- 7—American College of Radiology—Drake Hotel, Chicago.
February 9-11—American Academy of Allergy—Morrison Hotel, Chicago.
March 8- 9—American Broncho-Esophagological Association—The Homestead, Hot Springs, Va.
March 8- 9—American Laryngological Association—The Homestead, Hot Springs, Va.
March 9-12—American College of Surgeons Sectional Meeting—St. Louis.
March 10-12—American Laryngological Rhinological & Otological Society—The Homestead, Hot Springs, Va.
March 13-14—American Otological Society—The Homestead, Hot Springs, Va.
March 15-20—American College of Allergists—Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco.
March 26-27—Annual Midwest Cancer Conference.
March 30-April 1—Southwestern Surgical Congress—New Brown Palace Hotel, Denver.
April 1- 4—Neurosurgical Society of America—The Homestead, Hot Springs, Va.
April 5- 9—American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists—Traymore Hotel, Atlantic City.
April 5- 8—Missouri State Medical Association—Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City.
April 6- 9—American Academy of General Practice—San Francisco.
April 6- 8—American Radium Society—The Homestead, Hot Springs, Va.
April 13-18—American Academy of Neurology—Statler Hotel, Los Angeles.
April 13-15—Arkansas Medical Society—Goldman Hotel, Ft. Smith.
April 15-17—American Surgical Association—Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco.
April 19-22—Oklahoma State Medical Association—Mayo Hotel, Tulsa.

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Professor and Head of
Department of Psychiatry,
Temple University Medical Center,
Philadelphia

W. B. Saunders Company,
Philadelphia, 3rd edition,
1957, cloth binding, 533 pages.

Price—$10.50

This is the third edition of a well known general text on psychomatic medicine. Its popularity is attested by its three editions and its translations into several foreign languages.

The authors, one an internist and the other a psychiatrist, interpret the term psychosomatic medicine in its broadest sense. They discuss topics ranging from anxiety states to sexual impotence, as well as the more classical psychosomatic diseases as peptic ulcer, bronchial asthma and ulcerative colitis. Numerous brief case histories are interspersed throughout the text, and the book is well written and easily read. Techniques of psychosomatic history taking and the various psychotherapeutic approaches are discussed in some detail.

The defects of the book are those which are inevitable in a fairly comprehensive textbook of a relatively new field. Much research is cited without critical evaluation of its validity. Diabetes mellitus, for example, is discussed in such a manner as might lead to the impression that it is generally considered to be emotionally caused; such a point of view is held by very few internists or psychiatrists. Many other topics are covered in a superficial manner which leaves the impression that they are simple in nature and easy to treat, whereas this is often not the case.

The book is a generally useful one, however, and is to be recommended to the internist, the general practitioner or surgeon who seeks a general text on psychosomatic medicine. It is quite readable and does not indulge in the technical psychiatric jargon which often discourages the physician from further reading in psychosomatic works. The psychiatrist will find it useful as a general reference book on psychosomatic medicine and its bibliographies on the various topics are comprehensive and well chosen.

A. H. Chapman

The Chronically Ill

By
Joseph Fox, Ph.D

The Philosophical Library, Inc.,
New York, 1957

202 pages, cloth binding, price—$3.95

This book is of no more than routine interest. It is not written by a medical doctor and I do not believe that most medical doctors would be very interested in reading such a book. It is written in a rather elementary fashion and would have its greatest appeal, I am sure, to lay readers who may have some member of their family that could fall into the category of the chronically ill. There is nothing new presented in this material, however, the organization and the presentation of the material is in a very logical fashion.

I agree with the author that much needs to be done for our chronically ill population, and that at this particular juncture, I would say what we need is less words and more action.

Waldo S. Holt

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Health Care for the Aged and Osteopathy Discussed at A.M.A. Clinical Meeting

Health care of the aged, the report of the A.M.A. Commission on Medical Care Plans, osteopathy, expansion of medical education facilities, the Association's administrative changes, the report of the Committee to Study A.M.A. Objectives and Basic Programs, and voluntary health organization fund raising were among the wide variety of issues considered by the House of Delegates at the A.M.A. meeting December 2-5 in Minneapolis.

Health care for the aged received much press publicity. The approved recommendation reads as follows: "That the American Medical Association, the constituent and component medical societies, as well as physicians everywhere, expedite the development of an effective voluntary health insurance or prepayment program for the group over 65 with modest resources or low family income; that physicians agree to accept a level of compensation for medical services rendered to this group which will permit the development of such insurance and prepayment plans at a reduced premium rate."

On the subject of osteopathy which was introduced through a resolution proposing states rights for resolving area relationships, the reference committee presented a recommendation that was adopted. The judicial council is instructed to review past pronouncements of the House on osteopathy and the laws of the various states in this regard. A report is to be presented at the June 1959 meeting. The House noted that the American Osteopathic Association has amended its constitution by deleting reference to the theories of Still.

Expansion of the Medical Education program was encouraged by recommending increasing the enrollment in medical school and advocating new four-year medical schools and two-year basic science programs by institutions of higher learning (the two-year basic science program might be a possibility at the University of Kansas City).

Other subjects considered by the House of Delegates: The revision of the administrative structure of the A.M.A. received considerable attention and the association objectives have been expanded to include "an understanding of the socio-economic conditions which will facilitate the attainment of these objectives." On the subject of fund raising by voluntary health agencies, it was clearly stated that "The American Medical Association neither approves nor disapproves of the inclusion of voluntary health agencies in United Fund drives."

The resume report will be printed in the December 15 issue of the AMA News. Please watch for this if you are interested in further details. The complete report of the House of Delegates will, of course, appear at a future date in the Journal of the A.M.A.

Answers

What Do You Remember About?

Continued from page 538

1. A method is still needed for the diagnosis of a fertile semen sample; there is no proof of fertility except fertility itself.

   Cohen, M. R.: Journal of American Medical Association, 168, December 13, 1958.

2. The treatment consists of correction of any malposition of the foot to relieve pressure over the area and then specific therapy such as X-ray, or chemical.

   Hauser, E. D. W.: Surgical Clinics of North America, Chicago, Number, Feb., 1957.

3. At best a prosthesis for a hip amputee is cumbersome and unstable so that there is more of a tendency for such individuals to be practical and rely on crutches.

   Compere, C. L., Thompson, R. G.: Surgical Clinics of North America, Chicago Number, Feb., 1957.

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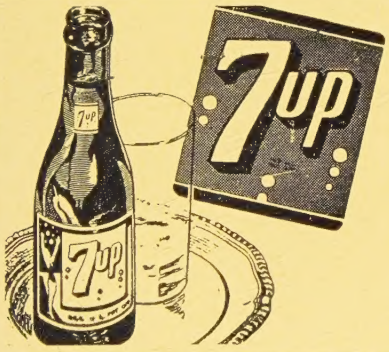

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